



*Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden*

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**RE: WEEKLY MESSAGE FOR WEEKEND 28/29 NOVEMBER**

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### **First Holy Communion Weekend**

Last weekend the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of November on the wonderful Feast of Christ the King, 160 children of our Parish celebrated their sacrament of First Holy Communion. The weekend was a wonderful success, and a very big 'thank you' is offered to all involved with these celebrations. Every family had taken great care to ensure that all the children were prepared as well as beautifully dressed and the reverence of every candidate was clearly on display. Congratulations are extended to every family, our thanks goes to the teachers of our schools who so ably assisted with the 8 dedicated FHC Masses, especially to Marita and Maria for their leadership and to our Parish staff who have worked so hard over the past few months, to ensure the smooth running of not only First Holy Communion but almost simultaneously the Confirmation programme.



### **Sacrament of Penance Programme**

Parents with children at school in Year 2 or higher, and who have been baptised, are invited to be present at any of the Masses this weekend to begin the enrolment process for the sacrament of Penance. For this particular weekend, the names of children will be taken and timelines for the programme will be distributed. Our Parish staff will be in attendance at each Mass and parents/carers are asked to fill in the required form with clearly readable block printing. The programme is based upon various requirements, one of which is that parents/carers need to have a presence at Mass with their children on all weekends of the programme, and be willing to assist in line with the requirements of the Sacrament.



### **Advent Daily Reflection Books**

Advent and Christmas daily reflection books "Adore" are still available to be purchased from the Sanctuary. Both Father Sean Cullen and Father Mark De Battista who have had a presence in our own parish, are just two of the contributors to the daily messages.

With Mary and Joseph, the shepherds and the Magi – who adored Jesus at the first Christmas – may you, too for the small amount of \$2.00 feel the loving tenderness and mercy of the Christ Child:

**"O Come let us adore him"**

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## Spiritual Insight

‘Advent is more than a time of personal conversion and preparation. The scriptures of Advent remind us that we are preparing for a renewal of cosmic proportions. The universe groans in longing anticipation for the *One Who Came*, the *One Who Comes*, and the *One Who will Come Again*.’ (Birmingham, M. (2000). *Word & Worship Workbook For Year B.*, p. 47)

Our First Reading this weekend from the Prophet Isaiah calls us to attend to our own shortcoming and turn our hearts and minds to ‘the potter’ in whose hands we are ‘clay’ so that we too might be renewed in this Season of Advent. This reading, hand-in-hand with the First Reading of next weekend, which speaks of God’s consolation for us, can set the scene for a preparation for Christmas during this Advent time.

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## Celebrants for Weekend Parish Masses

**28/29 November**

### **Saturday**

Camden	9:00 AM	Father Anthony
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Anthony
Camden	4.30 PM	Father Michael
Camden	6.00 PM	Father Michael

### **Sunday**

Camden	7:30 AM	Father Anthony
Camden	9:00 AM	Father Michael
The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Anthony
Camden	10.30AM	Father Joseph
Camden	12 NOON	Father Joseph
Camden	5.00 PM	Father Joseph

## Celebrants for Weekend Masses

**5/6 December**

### **Saturday**

Camden	9:00 AM	Father Joseph
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Joseph
Camden	4:30 PM	Father Anthony
Camden	6:00 PM	Father Anthony

### **Sunday**

The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Joseph
Camden	7:30 AM	Father Joseph
Camden	9:00 AM	Father Anthony
Camden	10:30 AM	Father Michael
Camden	12:00 noon	Father Michael
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael



### **St Vincent De Paul Jessie Tree**

This year because of Covid-19 and the problems it imposes, the conference is trialling a new format. Instead of tags on the tree for food and toys, this year the conference is purchasing hampers. Instead of toys, the conference will be giving \$30 gift vouchers for from Big-W, Target, and K-Mart.

We invite you this year a take a Christmas Appeal envelope at the base of the tree and place a donation or gift card in the envelope and return it to the box. For those who wish to make a Direct Debit donation, they are asked to complete their details on the envelope and then place the envelope in the box.

The Society thanks you for your continual support, without it Christmas will not be for these families as it will be for us. Thank you, may the Newborn Christ bless you and those that our parish community is privileged to assist.

For further information please contact Pat O'Flynn 0417 463 979.

### **Prayers for the Sick of our Parish**

Commencing in next week in our Weekly Message we will be making a position available for a listing of the sick in the Parish, as used to appear in our weekly bulletins. This will allow us all to offer our prayers for our sick family and friends. Names should be submitted to the Parish office by the usual methods. Names will be removed from the Weekly Message, regardless of when they were submitted, at the end of each calendar month. Names can be resubmitted but there will be no automatic appearance of names.



With Father Michael on Retreat this week and Father Joseph taking a few days off, it has been a little quieter around the Parish, but with the commencement of the Sacrament of Penance and the start of Advent things will quickly be back to normal.

Kind regards, Father Michael, Father Joseph, Father Anthony, Elizabeth and Cheryl